METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL

'It Takes a Village to Educate a Child'

Term 4 | **Week 8** | **27th November 2026**

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Metung Primary School acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

Mondays

Assembly from 9.00am



Fridays

Lunch Orders from Metung Bakery or Aroma @ Metung

December

Tuesday 1st December
EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARY

Wednesday 9th December
ALEX PRESTON MEMORIAL SHIELD SPORTS DAY

Thursday 10th December
MARC VAN LIBRARY

Tuesday 15th December
EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARY

Wednesday 16th December
END-YEAR-BBQ & Grade 6 GRADUATION

Thursday 17th December
LAST DAY TERM FOR STUDENTS - 2.30pm dismissal

Friday 18th December
STUDENT-FREE DAY



As per Department guidelines, supervision is not required at school until 8.45am, therefore students who arrive before this time will be placed into our before school care breakfast club program and charged the relevant fee.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,





The year is certainly coming to a busy end!

Last Friday, the P/1/2's went to Camp Coolamatong for the day. The camp staff were amazing, and the students had a great day. They rotated through three activities, which included bush cooking, a tribal challenge and visiting the farm animals.

I spent most of the day at bush cooking and with the animals. The bush cooking was very cool, with students making pancakes and damper, as well as cooking popcorn in a jaffle iron. I haven't seen that before, and I was very impressed with how well the popcorn was cooked. The damper and pancakes were great too!

The farm animals were also a highlight, with students getting the opportunity to pat goats and some donkeys. There was also a very large and lethargic pig called Priscilla, who spent the entire time laying horizontally! As always, our students showed great manners and were an absolute delight to take on the day trip.

The Department of Education has updated its student reporting policy to support a more consistent statewide approach to reporting student achievement and progress. The changes are intended to make reports clearer for parents and easier for teachers to prepare. Where comments are included, they will provide plain English information about what a student has learned and the progress they have made.

The updated approach will also improve the consistency of information shared when students move between schools, particularly when transitioning from primary to secondary school. Student report comments will describe attitudes, behaviours and other general aspects of student involvement in camps, sporting events, house competitions and other areas of school life. This approach will come into full effect at the end of Term 2, 2027.

This Saturday is the Victorian State Election, and the school will be selling Democracy Sausages. If you are available to come along and volunteer some of your time at the stall, you would be most welcome. With a bit of luck, we will get a good turnout and make the school a little bit of extra cash!

Just a reminder that the end-of-year BBQ and graduation will be held at school on Wednesday, 16th of December. We have a few new parents in our beautiful little school community, and it would be appreciated if we could subtly let them know how the evening works, particularly those with younger, pre-school-aged children. More information about this event will be shared over the next two weeks.

Have a great weekend,

Jim Allen.

SCHOOL IS MADE FOR ADVENTURES.

GRADE PREP







CAMP COOLAMATONG

What a wonderful time we had at Camp Coolamatong last Friday! The students had lots of fun throughout the day.

They enjoyed bush cooking where they made damper, popcorn and pancakes over the campfires.

Our farming activity provided us with the opportunity to see a range of animals including chickens, goats, a donkey, a pig and cows.

We also had a visit to the shearing shed and even fed some of the animals! The tribal challenge was a highlight for many of the students. They worked as teams to create their own shelters and tested how waterproof the shelters were by using water blasters.

A big congratulations to the students on their fantastic behaviour! We were very proud of how you all worked cooperatively together and you were a pleasure to take to camp.

A special thank you to our volunteers on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated.













SENIOR GRADE REPORT

Passion Project

The students are close to completing their Passion Project. A passion project is one where the students select the subject they want to research.

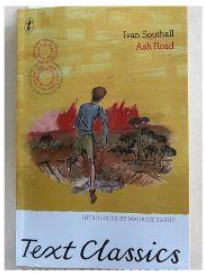
Each student selects the subject matter they want to write about, then they must develop five questions to answer. This technique helps the students to delve deeper into their subjects, without listing an array of facts.

Grade 6 Graduation Work and Transition

Our small group of Grade 6 students are finding their final term is busier than the previous three. Not only do they have to complete their normal workload, but they also have the added weight of transitioning to their future schools which comes with so much excitement and trepidation, as well as planning for their graduation night.

It is a time to reminisce about their time at Metung, the fun times and funny stories that made their time at Metung, so pleasurable.

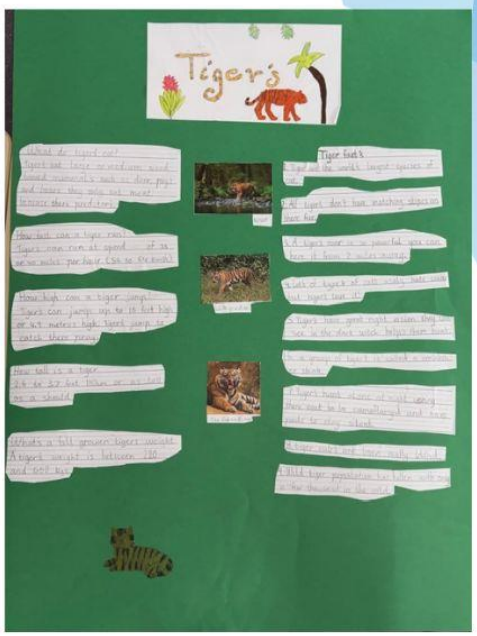
Class Book – Ash Road, by Ivan Southall

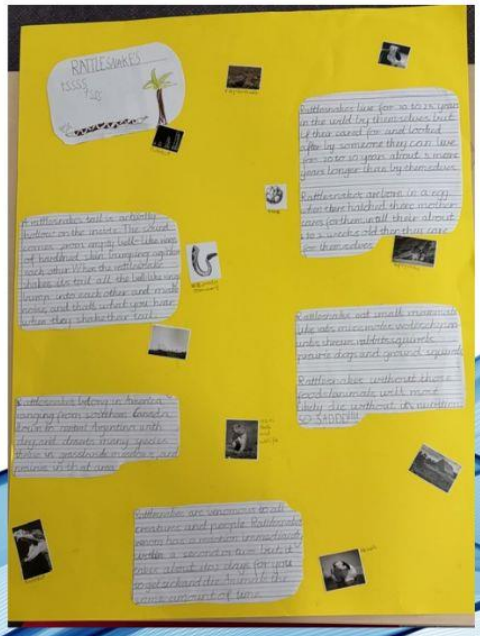


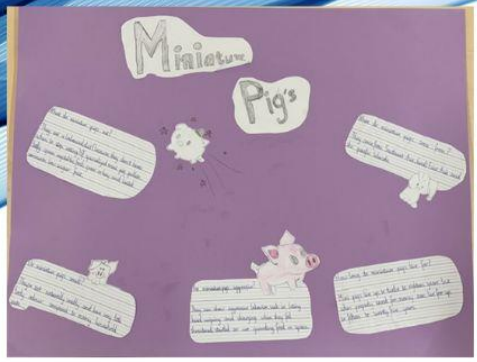
Ash Road is the final book of our Resilience series. Some of you may have read Ash Road when you were young, as it was an Australian classic written in the mid 60's, but has won numerous literature awards over the years.

The story is about several families who have been trapped by a violent bushfire, in the Victorian bush. The novel looks at the decisions people make, under extreme stress, and the consequences of their decisions.

As we journey through the story, we discover several discussion points, such as resilience and relationships in times of adversity. As the novel is 60 years old, the kids have been able to discuss in what ways Australian society has changed over the years, from how bushfires are fought, to different gender roles.







HOME READING & AWARDS

AT-HOME READING

Metung Primary School values the importance of reading and encourages students to read at home each night. Students will receive a special award each time they reach a milestone. The more they read, the more awards they receive. This has proven to be a very popular reading incentive, with many personal records broken in the past. HAPPY READIING EVERYONE!

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights
Evie	**Jack**				
175 Nights	**200 Nights**	**225 Nights**	**250 Nights**	**275 Nights**	**300 Nights**
	Charlotte M		**Dexter**	**Emily**	**Mia**

Achievement Awards

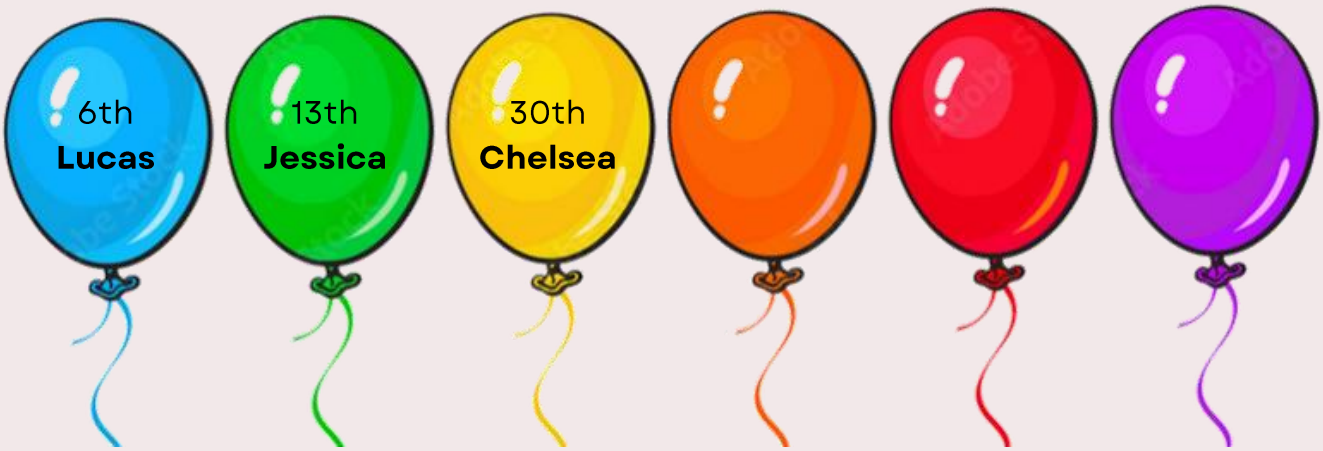


To **Ned T.** for working very well in numeracy with pleasing results.

To **Halle** for being a kind and helpful student who works well in the classroom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM - AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL TERMS



Before School Care is available from 7.45am-8.45am Monday-Friday.
After School Care is available from 3.20pm-4.20pm Monday-Friday.
$10.00 is charged for the first child per session, with each subsequent child charged $5.00.
$5.00 will be charged, per child, for families who are valid concession card holders.

Please let us know in advance if your child will be attending.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available to order from Metung Bakery or Aroma@Metung each Friday. Please place your child's lunch order directly with the business, in person or online.

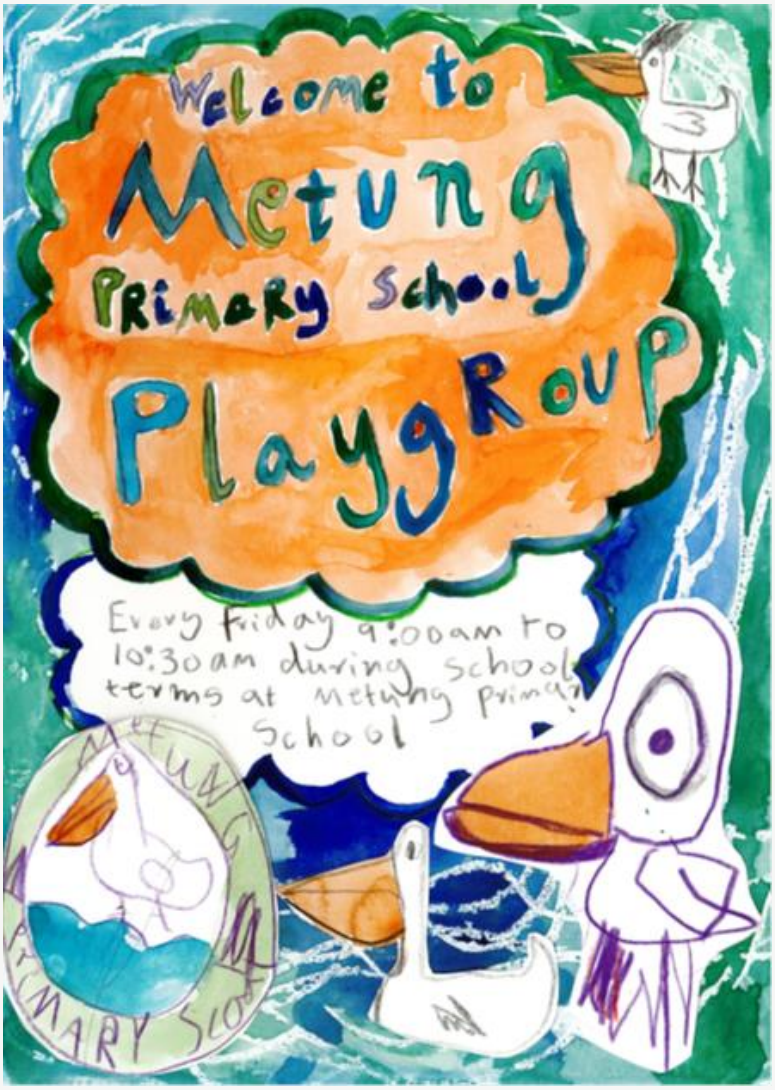


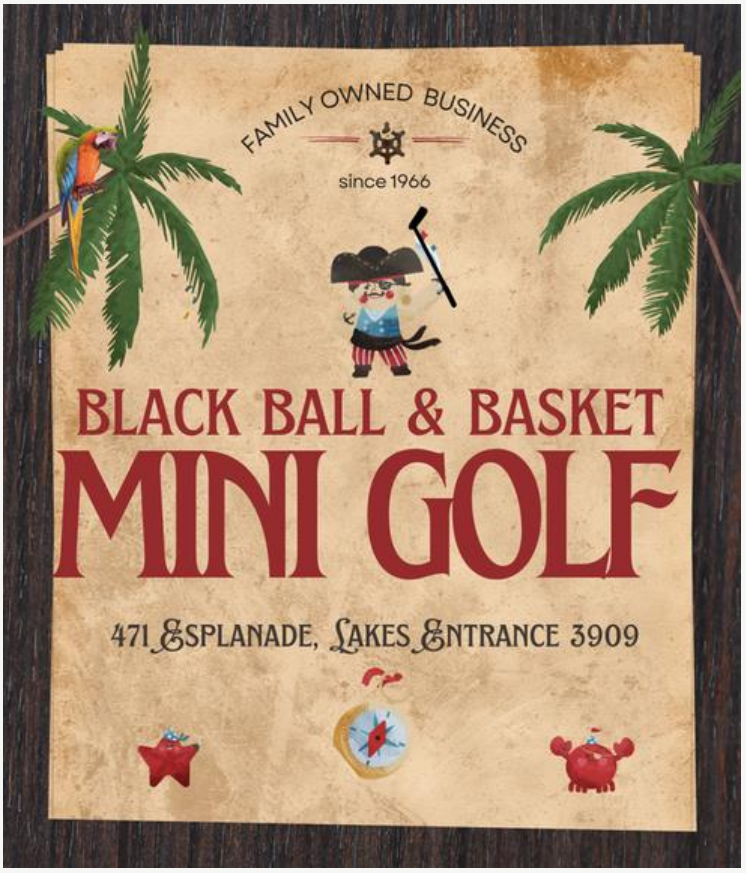
METUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT

Metung Primary School Official Account
Commonwealth Bank
BSB - 063 000
Acc. - 14182698



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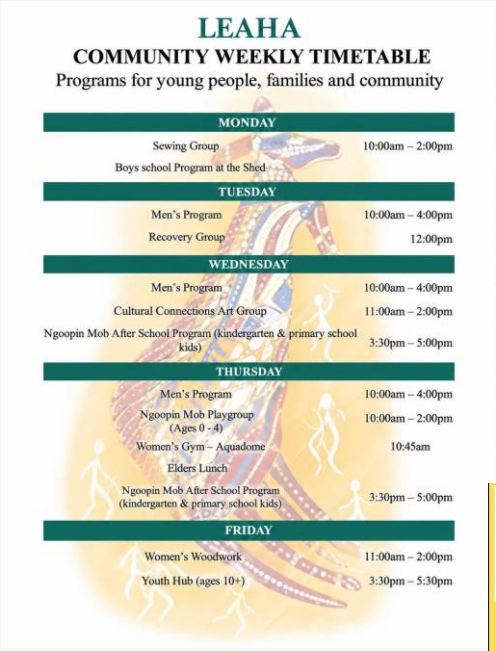
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SU Camp Coolamatong grade 4-6 holiday camp, 2027

Description:

Join us for four nights of adventure this summer at Camp Coolamatong Farm Camp! Over the 9th-13th January, 2027, students who have completed Grades 4-6 in 2026 have the perfect opportunity to grow friendships, have fun and learn about following Jesus. The camp will be loaded with great activities, including outdoor adventures, water sports, sailing, tubing, farm tours, bible engagement, and so much more. There'll also be plenty of time to connect with old friends and make new friends, as well as relax and play around the farm! Meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. Camp Coolamatong is located at the foreshore of the Gippsland Lakes, Victoria. Campers may be dropped off directly at camp, or transport to camp is also available via a charter bus leaving from the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. A pick-up is also available in Traralgon en route to camp.

Link to register:

https://su.org.au/events/su-coolamatong-yr-4-6-camp-2027/

